

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2003.

The Examiner stated that Claims 6-10, 12-26, 32-36, and 38-52 were objected to, but would be allowed if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner rejected Claims 1-5, 11, 27-31, and 37 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Kadambi, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,335,932).

In this Amendment, Claims 1, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 27, 32, 35, 37, and 40 have been amended in order to place the pending claims in condition for allowance. Claim 1, as amended, includes the limitations from Claim 5 and allowable Claim 15 (which depended from Claim 5). Claims 5 and 15 have been cancelled. Claims 6, 9, 11, and 12 have been amended so that these claims now depend from amended Claim 1. Claims 14 and 40 have been amended so that these multiple dependent claims do not depend from a multiple dependent claim. Claims 2-4, 6-14, and 16-26 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 1 and are respectfully submitted as being allowable for the same reasons as for Claim 1.

Claim 27, as amended, includes the limitations from Claim 31 and allowable Claim 41 (which depended from Claim 31). Claims 31 and 41 have been cancelled. Claims 32, 35, 37, and 38 have been amended so that these claims now depend from Claim 27. Claims 28-30, 32-40, and 42-52 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 27 and are respectfully submitted as being allowable for the same reasons as for Claim 27.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims, Claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-30, 32-40, and 42-52, are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-0201 for any payment in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if such action might expedite the prosecution of this application.

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